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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 2, 2008, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 2, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in a Listing of the Claims beginning on page 2.
Remarks begin on page 4.